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No. 3761

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL\$2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP\$51,093,150

BANKERS.
CAPITAL & COUNTRY'S BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL\$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED\$1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

**INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS** at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 12 Months5 per cent.
" 6 "4 " "
" 3 "3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1894. [120]

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED IN K. VAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP\$800,000
RESERVE FUND\$800,000

**INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS** at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS for 12 months5 per cent.
" 6 "4 " "
" 3 "3 " "

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [163]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

Authorised Capital\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Directors:
D. CHIU, Esq., Chairman
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Vice-Chairman
H. Stoklight, Esq., Secretary

Chief Manager:
GEO. W. F. PLAVFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest: for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

Amusements.

**THE HARMSTON'S
GREAT SPECIALTY COMPANY.**

THE FAMOUS HARMSTON'S CIRCUS will
for the present postpone the GREAT
CIRCUS REVIVAL until a later period, and
on the arrival of the Steamer conveying the
Company to Shanghai, will give

TWO SPECIAL PERFORMANCES
IN THE

CITY HALL.
Introducing the grandest Vaudeville Entertain-
ment ever given in Hongkong.

ALL GREAT ARTISTS.
MIDLE LE BLONDE.
La Premiere Danseuse at La Scala, Milan,
Clique Nouvelle Paris, and Sir Augustus Harris'
Favourite of 1884 at Drury Lane. The most
graceful Dancer and Rider in the World.

THE FAMOUS ACKERLYS.
None to equal in acrobatics and Gymnastics.
GEORGINA, THE SEWARTS, JOHNNIE.
Grottesque Musical Clowns, the Artistic
Wonders of Europe.

MIDLE OUDINA.
The accomplished trapezist; youth and beauty,
combined with grace and daring, have earned
her fame. First appearance in the East.

MISS MAUD Lisle.
The versatile Dancer and Vocalist.

WHIMSICAL TOMMY.
Musical Clown and Jester.

THE ROMAN BROTHERS.
Woodward, Eldred, and Johnnie,
Accomplished Gymnasts.

PEPINO AND DUMMY.
The Kings of Laughter.

HARMSTON'S GRAND ORCHESTRA
and
Miss NELLIE BAILEY, Miss BLANCHE,
Miss NAVARRO, Miss L. BOVIS.

THE TOMI KITCHI TROUPE.
LEO HERNANDEZ, C. BRUCE, F. DUPEZ,
P. KLANTO.

and the People's Favorite,
Mr. ROBERT LOVE,
In his Budget of Song.

THE DALE BROTHERS.
American Musical.

Due notice on arrival of Steamer.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.

R. LOVEGeneral Representative.

S. REICHGeneral Representative.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1894. [109]

Insurances.

**THE
STANDARD
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.**

**1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES** of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.

**2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE**—

should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

**SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.**

THE Underinsured, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to accept RISKS
on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [435]

**THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE: TOKIO, JAPAN.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED\$1,200,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP\$600,000

GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE\$400,000

RESERVE FUND, 30th June, 1893:\$48,551
SPECIAL RESERVE, Do,\$134,097

TOTAL RESERVE\$682,648

THE Underinsured, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to accept RISKS
on favourable terms.

For the MITSUBISHI BUSSAN KAISHA,
K. FUKUI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894. [748]

NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1894. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)**

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000\$833,333-33
EQUAL TO\$833,333-33
RESERVE FUND\$318,000-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq., Chairman
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq., Vice-Chairman

MANAGER: HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

Intimations.

WANTED.

**SITUATION as CLERK, CORRESPOND-
ENT, BOOK-KEEPER, or in any position
of Trust. Knowledge of SPANISH.**

"M."
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [626]

NOTICE.

**"THE GAP BUFFET" at the TRAMWAY
UPPER TERMINUS is now OPEN.**

KATHERINE JUNGBLUTH.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1894. [576]

**J. W. KEW & CO'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.**

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality
of TITAM FILTERED WATER offered by
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages
derived from their being able to Supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Call flag "W." Commercial Code.
J. W. KEW & Co.,
c/o Cammell & Co., LD.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [104]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

JUST RECEIVED.

LLOYD'S MODERN ARTILLERY.
Tanner's Index of Diseases.

Seaton's Rules & Tables for Marine Engineers.
Murray's Guide to Japan.

Guide Australia, and New Zealand.
Tolstol—Kingdom of God within you.

Smith's—Mao the Primaval Savage.
Stromeyer—Marine Boiler Management.

Big Game Shooting—Badminton Liby.
Middleton—Surveying & Surveying Instruments.

Lineham—The Street of Human Habitations.
Walker's Chess Studies.

Lemaire—Indian Clubs.

WALLS HANDY BOOK STARS.
Scott's Stamp Albums.

Gibbon's Stamp Catalogues.
New Stock Chrysoptographs for Window Decora-
tion.

Will's Capstan Tobacco.
Marion's Photographic Dry Plates.

New Photo Frames.
French Book—Tennis Goods.

Cash Boxes—Dessert Boxes.
New Fine Art Goods.

The Popular Game "Halma."

W. BREWER.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1894.

**CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.**

**Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.**

**Telegraphic Address:—
"CENTRAL,
SHANGHAI."**

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

**DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.**

A. LISON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
88, Queen's Road Central.

engkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

**ICE CREAM FREEZERS, ICE CHIPPERS AND CHISELS,
ICE CHESTS.**

ICE-WATER PITCHERS, ICE BOWLS, BUTTER COOLERS.

FILTERS.

LEMON SQUEEZERS, LEMON JUICE EXTRACTORS.

WIND-PROOF LAMPS, VERANDAH LAMPS, PUNKAH LAMPS.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1894. [30]

**THE
HONGKONG HOTEL.**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and is close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

POPULAR TOBACCOS.

TRAVELLER BRAND, In 4lb. Tins.

PIONEER do.

THREE CASTLES, In 4 & 4lb. Tins.

BIRD'S EYE do.

CAPTAIN BRAND do.

OGDEN'S VIRGINIA, In 4lb. Tins.

OGDEN'S NAVY CUT do.

OGDEN'S BIRD'S EYE do.

OGDEN'S SILVER VEIL, In 4lb. Tins.

COPE'S BIRD'S EYE do.

COPE'S MUTUAL FRIEND do.

COPE'S PRAIRIE FLOWER do.

COPE'S BLEND do.

MOOSE HEAD TOBACCO, In 4lb. Tins.

ST. LEGER SCROLL CUT TWIST do.

IN HERMETICALLY SEALED TINS.

PERFECTLY FRESH.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1894.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
**THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED.**

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the
FOURTH DIVIDEND of CALL,
amounting to FIVE SHILLINGS per SHARE on
the ORDINARY SHARES of the BANK is
DUE on the 1st June, 1894, and is PAYABLE
at the OFFICE of the BANK, No. 4, QUEEN'S
ROAD, either by demand Draft on London or in
Local Currency equivalent.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1894. [612]

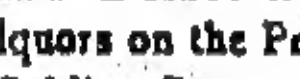


NOTICE.

A SPECIAL SESSIONS of HER
MAJESTY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the
MAGISTRACY, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon
of MONDAY, the Fourth day of June, A.D.
1894, for the purpose of considering an appli-
cation from one K. J. SHELLIM for the transfer
of his Publican's Licence to Sell and Retail
Intoxicating Liquors on the Premises situated at
house No. 1, Jubilee Street, under the sign of
"THE COLONIAL HOTEL" to one MORITZ
STERNBERG.

H. E. WODERHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy,
Hongkong, 18th May, 1894. [650]



NOTICE.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE of the
SANITARY BOARD APPEAL to all
HOUSEHOLDERS in the COLONY, but more
especially to the EUROPEAN, AMERICAN,
and other NON-CHINESE RESIDENTS to
give prompt attention to the state of their
KITCHENS, COOK-HOUSES, SERVANTS'
QUARTERS and OUT-OF-DOORS GEN-
ERALLY, to have them thoroughly CLEANSED
and WHITEWASHED without delay, and then
to make a DAILY VISIT and INSPECTION.

If these precautions are regularly observed, with
the use of DISINFECTANTS in the DRAINS,
there is absolutely NO DANGER of the
PLAGUE establishing itself in the European
quarters of the City. There may be isolated
cases among the Chinese Servants and Coolies
who have become infected elsewhere, but no
dangerous consequences can follow. It is not
possible for the Sanitary Staff, largely re-inforced,
though it has been from the Army, Navy
and Police, to undertake the work of Cleaning
and Disinfecting outside the Chinese quarters
of the City, but on notices to Mr. RAM, Acting
Sanitary Superintendent, at the Board's Offices,
arrangements will be made for the prompt
removal of all accumulations of Rubbish and
Filth.

The Committee urge upon ALL HOUSE-
HOLDERS the importance and necessity of
their AT ONCE acting on this advice.

For the Permanent Committee
Sanitary Board,
JNO. J. FRANCIS.

Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1894. [619]

THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co. Dispensing and Retail
Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists Sundries-
men and Patent Medicine Vendors.

KEPLER'S MALTper dozen.
KEPLER'S MALT and OIL\$14.00

SCOTT'S EMULSION\$14.00

SCOTT'S EMULSION\$23.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES:—
Perfume Bottles, Cut Crystal, Combs, Brushes,
Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Gloves
and Belts.

Perfumery:—Flavored Almonds, Cologne, Rick-
sack and Brown Perfumery Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

"DERMATOL."

MANUFACTURED by FARBERG,
Hochst & Co., Ltd. effect in stimulating
the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal
administration against diphtheria, is described as
amazing.

**D. R. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE.**

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAMS TROV)

Is the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER,
TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSI-
PELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other
complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.
Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each
tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr.
KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and

Chi-ese Government. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao S. S. C., please note! As regards Chinese tide-gates (?) there are about 30 in Canton and have been for a long time, and as many in Shanghai, and beautiful specimens they are; no respectable could be more than a Customs searcher. There are none in Amoy—as yet.

Yours truly,
"LOOK AHEAD."

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

THE PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—To our certain knowledge this island has not for more than fifty years suffered from any serious epidemic; nothing at all events so dire in its ravages as the plague, which is now daily claiming so many victims. The seasons of Hongkong remain practically the same from year to year; even the rainfall varies but little, and where then, and how, did the disease originate? There is but one answer: in the vile drains of the colony, and the still viler sewage system introduced a few years back. In my opinion the disease in itself is not contagious, for if it were would not at least some of the doctors, nurses, attendants and undertakers, daily in close contact with the patients, have caught and developed it? When local scientists are satisfied that the source of the disease has been traced to our defective drainage system, what will be the measures of reform recommended by them? An up-rooting of the whole wretched huddle and a return to the old, and, in my opinion, far healthier style of open drains. I sincerely hope so. New and effective sanitary by-laws could be drawn up and enforced, for the necessity of constant attention to the drains under such circumstances would be ever before the sanitary officials; this cannot sufficiently be said of the existing system, the explanation apparently being "out of sight, out of mind."

As regards the plague itself and the efforts now being made by the authorities to check its progress, nothing need be said by me; everything possible is being done, but, at best, it is only surface work, for unless our whole sewage system is put into healthy working order what guarantee is there that Hongkong may not again be plague-stricken next and every summer?

A CHINAMAN.

Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, May 29th, 1894.

POSTAL ANOMALIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—Permit me to call attention through the medium of your widely read columns to the anomalous state of affairs connected with the foreign postal services, which—should, I think you will readily concede, receive the prompt consideration of the Chamber of Commerce, of the whole body of communities of the Far East and the foreign governments constituting the Postal Union. As an example of the anomalies to which I refer it will be sufficient to point out that, for instance, while the letter postage per half-ounce hence to London is 7 cents only, to adjacent Eastern ports such as Shanghai, Yokohama, Singapore and Sandakan it is 5 cents, and to London via the States to come via the Pacific, the letter postage from Hongkong to the Oriental ports named is at the present only one-cent of that covered by mail boats bearing correspondence to the United Kingdom or Continental ports, it seems strange that the commercial communities of the Far East move neither hand nor foot to bring to an end a state of affairs for which it would be difficult to find any justification.

The local postage of two cents is, it may be added, distinctly excessive, and might well be reduced to one cent per half-ounce. Seeing that most of what may be termed local mails are carried on coasting steamers, there would seem no reason why such correspondence should not be taken at the Post Office at phenomenally low rates, unless the coasting steamship companies demand a substantial *quid pro quo* for carrying local mails, and if that be the reason for the exorbitant rates quoted above, why is not that branch of the postal service conducted on thorough business lines under special contract, and a statement of the cost of the local service published to the public in the Chamber's annual report in a clear and concise manner? But I may be getting off the track or too deep water, so will conclude by asking you to kindly favour me with your valued opinion on the subject generally, in order that whatever may be the state of affairs it may be set forth clearly and the fault, if any, be set at the right door.

Yours faithfully,

NEW CHUM.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1894.

THE COLLISION IN AMOY HARBOUR.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. J. S. van Buren local agent of the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental Steamship Companies, for the following particulars relative to the collision in Amoy harbour on Saturday between the Ocean Steamship Company's *Ulysses*, Captain W. F. Lape, and the W. & O. Company's steamer *Belge*, Captain W. H. Walker, to which we referred briefly in our last issue.

It appears that the *Belge* was at her buoy off Kulaung at 1 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, taking in tea, and that while so moored the *Ulysses*, making for her berth, ran into the former vessel amidships, cutting 7 feet into her awning deck, smashing two of her boats, splitting one of her side plates, and twisting several of the stanchion deck stanchions. A tea cargo-boat alongside the *Belge* at the time of the collision was smashed to atoms, and sank immediately. After the collision the *Ulysses* backed out and was taken to her berth without further trouble. The *Belge* was examined by Lloyd's Surveyor during the afternoon and declared perfectly seaworthy, all the injury being above water. There was therefore no delay in dispatching her on her voyage to San Francisco on Sunday morning, and she left Amoy at the hour previously fixed for her departure. There is, we understand, no likelihood of litigation in respect to the claim for damages which the owners of the *Belge* will present in due course in Liverpool to the owners of the *Ulysses*, as there is no ground for any question as to which vessel was in the wrong.

The repairs to the *Belge* will probably be effected in San Francisco.

The *Ulysses* appears to have come out of the affair with nothing more than the loss of a little paint caused by the crash into the cargo-boat.

SMUGGLING JAPANESE GIRLS IN BOXES.

Shortly before the Northern Pacific Mail Co.'s steamship *Tacoma* sailed for Yokohama for Victoria, B. C., on the 19th inst., considerable excitement was caused by the accidental discovery that a number of Japanese girls had been

smuggled on board in boxes. According to the *Yokohama Gazette*, the presence of the unfortunate girls was made known when the sound of rapping was heard coming from a box on deck accompanied by the words in Japanese "Open the box." The box, the lid of which was securely fastened, was immediately opened, and to the astonishment of the on-lookers a girl was discovered huddled up inside. The occupant was got out, and she was apparently delighted to be rescued from her cramped and perilous position. Additional wonderment was aroused when an investigation showed that three other girls were similarly imprisoned. With a little delay as possible these too were released. Two of them were in a sorry plight, both unconscious and apparently dead. All four were at once conveyed by the water police to the English hospital, where they were temporarily accommodated in the police box. One of the four had to be carried from the boat. The boatmen who carried her appear to have concluded that life was extinct as they had covered the face and body with a thick blanket. Upon the blanket being removed, it was seen that there was some colour in the cheeks; and the application of cold water revived her. Two of them were able to walk to the Settlement Station, followed by the rag-tag-and-bob-tail of the bathos. That they were not all suffocated seems a marvel. The boxes, which differed very little in size, measured about 2 ft. or 2 ft. 3 in. in length, 1 ft. 6 in. wide, by 1 ft. 3 in. high. All the lids were securely fastened and, it is said, locked. Provision had been made for the admission of air by boring the hole in the bottom of each box, but most of these must have been covered by the clothing which the girls wore. There was also a little bread in each box. The girls have had a perilous experience, for it is understood that the boxes were on the point of being lowered into the hold when the discovery, as to their contents was made. The intention of those who had charge of the trucks would appear to have been to release the occupants immediately after the vessel left her berth; but it seems the officers declined to allow the boxes to be taken to the steamer quarters, as they would occupy so much room. Two of the girls were subsequently placed under medical treatment, and some of the persons engaged in the nefarious smuggling business arrested.

SIAM NOTES.

BANGKOK, 18th May, 1894.

The French gunboat *Pluvier*, Commander Vedal, arrived in the river on Thursday and anchored off the French Consulate at 10 a.m. The President of the Court, two judges, and the French consular staff, were on board. The vessel is expected to commence without delay, and will probably take place in the French Consular Court.

The authorities, we understand, have inaugurated a reform which cannot fail to yield good results in the near future. Surprise visits are being made by officials to the interior for the purpose of investigating crime and ascertaining the state of the outlying provinces. The observations are to be embodied in a report which will be forwarded to headquarters. It is to be hoped that this system of observation will be applied to all the branches of crime, and order and justice made to take the place of tyranny and lawlessness, under which the peasantry groan.

The Siamese have a method all their own of conducting their affairs. Phra Thorak has been kept in close confinement for the past year or so for certain alleged money transactions while in charge of the Telegraph Department. Now he is to be prosecuted for the recovery of half-a-million bahts, for which sum the authorities allege the vouchers are missing. What most people will ask is—why was not the prosecution begun last year? and why was the late Telegraph Superintendent imprisoned for a year without any charge being brought against him?

The elephant hunt at Ayutthia was witnessed by a fair number of foreigners and a goodly number of Siamese petty officials. The invitations were evidently extended to some well-bred officials of the Foreign Office, since some of the foreign representatives were omitted. Nevertheless the drive, or hunt, or whatever term is preferred, was very enjoyable, and the proceedings afforded a great deal of amusement to the on-lookers. Most of the elephants were half tame, having several times been driven into Ayutthia before. But there were a few recalcitrant youngsters that refused to be hustled about at the sweet will of the human pigmies and their prodding-irons. There was some little excitement at the commencement, which a steady downpour of rain speedily damped. The show was about nine miles of the usual attraction by the absence of royalty and the blizzards of Siamese. The skill and agility of the drivers appear to have evoked great commendation from all present.—*Star Free Press*.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Vienna has 10,000 empty houses.
Great Britain has 700 millionaires.
The Emperor of France is 81½.
Emperor William drinks Kentucky whisky.
Tasmania boasts a 5,400-pound nugget of tin.
The daffodil is this season the most popular flower in London.

There is a good deal of talk about underground railroads in Paris just now.
King Humbert of Italy declares that all Europe desires peace; his own nation will cultivate friendly relations with France.
The tobacco merchants of Great Britain have been thrown into a state of panic by the proposed increase in the duties on tobacco.

After many years of hard fighting the Sunday opening of picture galleries in London has just been conceded by the County Council.

The King of Italy has conferred the order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus on Sir Joseph Lister, M. Pasteur and Professor Rudolph Virchow.
The most enthusiastic descriptions are given of Pondoland, the new South African district, which has just come under the control of Cape Colony.

English naval authorities say that the days of gunpowder as a charge for naval guns are numbered, and that superior explosives having come to the front.

That German recruit who is under arrest for having Socialism tattooed on his breast evidently meant that his convictions should be more than skin deep.

The unpopularity of vaccination in England among parents is said to have led to a new form of offence, consisting in falsely declaring the place of birth on registering the child.

The London *Evening Standard* is authority for the statement that forty new warships of the British Navy are lying idle in British dockyards, because of lack of sailors to man them.

The German military authorities have been for some years testing the brandy made in California, and it has won their favour so far that they have authorised its use in the army.

Provision is to be made for greatly enlarging the British Museum. Five and a half acres will be added to the nine acres already occupied, through purchase from the Duke of Bedford.

The Archbishop of Florence is to pay a visit to Queen Victoria, as the representative of the Pope, to thank her Majesty for the full liberty accorded to Roman Catholics in Great Britain.

The Pope has decided to forbid all performances of the well-known masses of Mozart, Haydn and Weber. He expresses the opinion that they are of too florid a character to be conducive to piety.

Lady Henry Somerset recently made a nine-days' lecture trip in England, during which she addressed over 2,000 persons on intemperance, and was preceded with twenty-seven public addresses.

Agriculture in England is at its lowest ebb. Every year sees more and more land going out of cultivation. Last year the decrease was 176,000 acres, and since 1873 nearly 2,000,000 acres have been abandoned.

It is reported that an English officer named Harrington has discovered in India a working telephone between the two temples of Paoli, about a mile apart. The system is said to have been in operation at Paoli for over 2,000 years.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Jackson & Co.'s Register.)

To-day.	Thermometer at 9 a.m.	Thermometer at 12 noon.	Thermometer at 3 p.m.	Thermometer at 6 p.m.	Thermometer at 9 p.m.	Thermometer at 12 midnight.	Thermometer at 3 a.m.	Thermometer at 6 a.m.	Thermometer at 9 a.m.
Barometer—29.75	74.0	78.0	80.0	82.0	80.0	78.0	76.0	74.0	74.0
Thermometer—29.75	74.0	78.0	80.0	82.0	80.0	78.0	76.0	74.0	74.0
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Direction of Wind.	Wind.		Weather.
				Dir.	Force.	
Whitby.....	29.75	52	...	SE	1	c
Tenby.....	29.75	52	...	SE	1	c
Wexham.....	29.75	52	...	WSW	1	c
Shanghai.....	29.80	79	83	SE	1	b
Foochow.....	29.74	79	83	SE	1	b
Amoy.....	29.74	79	83	SE	1	b
Angien.....	29.78	80	85	NNW	4	b
Swatow.....	29.78	80	85	NNW	4	b
Canton.....	29.78	80	85	NNW	4	b
Hongkong.....	29.77	74	94	SE	1	ood
Victoria Peak.....	29.77	74	94	SE	1	ood
Gap Rock.....	29.75	75	80	SE	1	c
Macao.....	29.75	75	80	SE	1	c
Holloway.....	29.75	75	80	SE	1	c
Shanghai.....	29.78	79	83	SE	1	c
Amoy.....	29.78	79	83	SE	1	c
Solomon.....	29.78	79	83	SE	1	c
St. James.....	29.78	79	83	SE	1	c

